A Role of Police Administration in Handling Religious Issues: a study of Maharashtra State

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Introduction:

The state and central government had played major role in providing security to public, as a part of welfare state a police administration plays very vital role in maintaining peace in the state and providing security to public. In present situation police administration has to face many religious issues while talking with criminals . There is an urgent need to highlight the issue of religion keeping in mind the national interest.

These demands of religious understanding to police administration as human beings ,Religion was originally developed as "Humanism" to uphold humane qualities. Later it was introduced as a divine law. So we find the same underlying principles, universal in nature in all major religions found in the world. Human beings by nature are sometimes not reliable and so they do violate principles, that is why religion is needed to train them. In the past we were scared of natural phenomenon like lightning and thunder, wild animals, ghost and devils. Later we realized that many of our past beliefs in ghosts and devils were unfounded. What we need to fear however are ruthless human beings who are out to destroy our peace and happiness. It is difficult to reform humans to make them reliable persons. It is the human mind that must have a religion to think and understand. Man needs moral standards to reduce selfishness and deceit. Man can turn and twist his mind for his own ends and to his personal advantage to straighten the crookedness of the human mind religion is necessary. Religion can change this mind for a better purpose if people really uphold the religious principles.

There religious principles are intended for the whole of mankind. If any particular section of humanity does not follow the great virtues taught by religion such as kindness, patience, tolerance and understanding, it would be difficult for others to live peacefully. It is quite natural for cunning and cruel people to take advantage of any kind of virtue. The religionists of today must bear in mind that those who fight and shed blood in the name of religion, do not follow religious principles and do not serve the cause of humanity, they fight for their own personal gain or power by using the name of religion. Those who truly practice a religion have no grounds to fight. A true religion never encourages any form of violence under any circumstance.

We see in big cities like Mumbai, Pune, “Thane or Nagpur today, the religious procession are taken out on the day to day basis. Large amount of money time and energy along with government resources are used for such procession and gatherings. The police force, which is already strained is overburdened by these now added responsibilities. By reading religious scriptures and faith, we rarely come across the approval for such kind of show of faith and richness. All religions established centuries before were simple, formed for internal satisfaction and for helping the laymans to find out the reason for his existence. The teachings gave them respite from the daily bickering and selfish attitudes of this world and taught them to live moral and ethical life for other worldly benefits. It can be kingdom of God, moksha, Nirvana or the final judgment day, people followed the moral religious practices adherously for gaining these things. But today religion and its belief don’t have these ends to achieve.

Religion is today used as power tool either to subjugate society or to influence masses for ulterior motives likes politics, fundamentalism, terrorism etc. The people misusing it knew thoroughly that followers of all religions are emotionally attached to their faith and belief and so when they are called upon the people are ready to do anything in this world. This knowledge has given a chance to many influential person to change society or even carry out revolution in the name of religion or more correctly using religion as a tool. Many have became head of the state, dictators or carried on genocides in the name of religion in modern times.

Such false propaganda can then be used by fundamentalist elements for their own selfish ends. A lot of video's, documentaries on youtube and other sites are watched by enthusiastic viewers. The terrorist organizations like ISIS, Al-Quada, Hamas are using them on large scale. This has distorted religion a lot by selectively taking small paragraphs from scriptures, turning and twisting them and presenting them in such a way that people will get disturbed and emotional. People start regarding that their religion is really in danger and that they should do something however immoral and unethical it may be to save it from utter destruction. The propaganda is also carried out through. Newspapers and magazines in subtle way. The copies of such religiously oriented daily/ monthly papers carries message's in hidden ways. We have seen that, these papers were responsible for religious tensions and even roits in present days. Institutions like SIMI , Sanathan Sanstha, Akali Dal are using their mouthpieces for such propaganda and no one can deny that these papers have a lot of impact on common people

What we should concentrate is good principles from all religions.

1) Buddhism says – "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful".
2) Taoism says – "regard your neighbours gain as your gain and his loss as your loss.
3) Christianity say: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them".
4) Islam says; "Do unto all men as your world they should do unto you, and reject for others what you would reject for yourself".
5) Hinduism says, "het no one do to others what he should not have done to himself".

There is the need for police and govt. Officers to understand these principles and practices and use them, whenever they are interacting people belonging to various religions, sects and beliefs. Only such kind of religious tolerance and understanding can help our society and country. We must keep in mind that fundamentalism is going to stay till Urbanization is there with its ever-increasing problems of overpopulation, poverty, atomistic life style and frustrations in life. Similarly the characteristics developed in all religions today are also not going in immediate future, since they have developed gradually and are emotional issues for religious followers. So the fundamentalist and extremist tendencies will be seen in one form or the other. All this discussion was for understanding what is

exact disease? Before finding out medicine for it. We can find antibiotic to any disease only when we can diagnosis it properly. If diagnosis is not proper, any medicine produced with any efforts will not be effective in curbing the disease. So we have to know the disease properly before finding medicine. Human's have produced every medicine for almost all kinds of diseases. They will also find solution for today's religious problems.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE:

The Book written by Dr. K.Sri. Dhammananda – "The Buddhist way" mostly concluded that aim and way of life of human beings.

S S Souryal (1985) has written the book on Police Organization and Administration concludes, the nature of bureaucracy and administration is defined, and elements of police organization -- including goals and objectives, unity of command, and delegation of authority -- are identified. The purpose of administration theories is explored, and various theories are examined, including Max Weber's theory of bureaucratic organization, Frederick Taylor's theory of scientific management, and Elton Mayo's human relations theory. Human relations in administration are analyzed, and the general lack of a human relations approach in police administration is highlighted. The discussion of police communications emphasizes the role of police communications, systems and processes of communication, and barriers to effective communication. Police leadership is defined, with attention to styles and functions of leadership and the need for effective leadership. The section on personnel management considers such areas as promotions, training, compensation, and discipline. In addition, budgeting and fiscal management are discussed, as are

planning, decision-making, and information management. Finally, police community relations are explored in terms of communication between the police and the public and between police and the media.

While doing review of literature for this specific research shows that many books available on religion and police administration separately , but such type of effort has not been done by any one. So, I personally feels that that there is need to do this type of innovative research on police administration and religion.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY:

The state and central government had played major role in providing security to public, as a part of welfare state a police administration plays very vital role in maintaining peace in the state and providing security to public. In present situation police administration has to face many religious issues while talking with criminals . There is an urgent need to highlight the issue of religion keeping in mind the national interest.

These demands of religious understanding to police administration through literacy, social group, social interaction, work performance, interpersonal conflict will play significant important to understand the picturesque scenario. The coping mechanism of police administration is highly appreciable for the post traumatic conditions. It also helps to design and implement new policies or programme by the Government in the interest of nation.

OBJECTIVES RESEARCH:

1. To study the socio-economic, religious and educational status of policeman associated with communal riots and facing terrorism.

2. To understand how much knowledge police department has about religion and religious issues.
3. How knowledge can help them in overcoming problems faced by them like in communal roits and facing terrorism.
4. To know the source of knowledge for religious orientation
5. To study the role of police administration in imparting knowledge of religion
6. To study the problems faced by police administration in tackling the issues associate with

Research Questions:

1. Do police administration really know basic facts , practices and beliefs of major religions?
2. How can they get this knowledge
3. Why knowledge about religions is essential while doing day to day policing.
4 . What problems have we faced in past because of our our negligence of knowledge regarding beliefs and practices of major religions.
5. What type of pattern exist in today's religious society in Maharashtra? how society is divided into different religious groups and culture.
6. What kind of crimes are committed in our society due to negligence of religious issues .can we study crime patterns.
7. How can we collect good points from all great religions of today like Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism, Christianity. ...etc to improve contact and trust between police and public in maharastra. ..

8. What are the steps taken by maharastra police in this regards and how much is their success rate..

9 . How ignorance of religious issues had led to our youths joining Indian mujjahiddien and ISIS.

10.How can we show to our young generation that religions preach love and patience and not violence, are there any precedence in our state.

UNIVERSE OF THE STUDY:

The total Maharashtra will be a universe of this study because through the state various religious activities are going on and Maharashtra has a great history and cultural background. But the backside of this culture many wrong things are going on there is a need to explore with the eyes of administrator against present fundamentalism.

SAMPLING:

The study will be done in the Maharashtra. As per the Government record of Maharashtra has 36 Districts. The sampling was probability simple random method because the only people are dealing the religious issues only such police man and higher authorities will be interviewed and total of 200 sample will be selected by using purposive sample method

RESEARCH DESIGN:

Any Research Design tells the researcher what steps to follow, what things to observe, how many observation should be made, that is what should be the size of the sample and how should the sample units be selected. It helps to locate the variable, and notifies how to manipulate the variables. It also tells how to test the relationship among variables and which statistical method to be utilized to test the

relationship. Finally, it informs how to analyze the qualitative or quantitative representations of the observations. It outlines the possible conclusions to be drawn from the analysis (Laldas B.K, 2003).

Research serves many purposes. Three of the most common and useful purposes are exploration, description and explanation (Rubin and Earl Babbie, 1993). Considering the objectives and research questions of the study and the nature of enquiry, the researcher utilized the survey design with face to face interviews which helped to gather quantitative data from respondent. The emphasis is on the description and explanation of the data based on the study objectives and research question. A few in-depth cases will be used by using case study method which gives case narratives and success stories of police administrators who have overcome in religious issues. So, this research will be conducted by using explorative and descriptive research design for said research.

METHODOLOGY:

Scientific investigation always starts with a problem or question that can be solve or answered empirically (Singleton, Jr. and Straits 1999). Research Methodology is the application of scientific procedure towards acquiring answers to a wide variety of research questions. In this study on **A Role of Police Administration in Handling Religious Issues: a study of Maharashtra State** qualitative as well as quantitative research methodology will be used

TOOLS FOR DATA COLLECTION:

The primary data for the study was collected through a semi-structured interview schedule administered through personal interviews conducted at the respondent's resident or work place according to the respondent's availability.

The other tool utilized was interview guide (Checklist) to conduct case narratives. The goal of the case narratives is to describe the cases as accurately as possible and it involved in-depth interview with the participants and key informant. Thus five cases studied were conducted with the help of interview guide.

DATA PROCESSING AND DATA ANALYSIS:

Data processing is the first stage of data analysis. This was usually done manually or mechanically with the help of computers. The analysis of data involved a number of closely related operations which were performed with the purpose of summarizing the collected data and organizing them in such a manner that they will yield answer to the questions in research.

The data of the present study will be processed both manually and electronically. By using the Statistically Package in Social Sciences (SPSS) The case narratives were subjected to content and narrative analysis, highlighting the life journey and realistic life story of Police man will be analysed.

OPERATIONAL DEFINITION AND CONCEPT CLARIFICATION:

A concept is the mental picture of the qualities of an object. It presents a class of thing. A concept that varies and which can be measured in terms of its kind or type, degree or magnitude of

difference is a variable. Usually the variation is on a continuum of values. Operational definition of the concept helps the researcher to identify the empirically relevant and observable characteristics of it for the purpose of the study. It describes the research operation that will specify the value or category of a variable in each case (Singleton, Straits 1999). The following are the **operational definition** of some of the important concept involved in this study.

1. **Police** :- A person to control and keeps the thinks in order by using forces or to supervise the operation, execution, or administration of to prevent or detect and prosecute violations of rules and regulations
2. **Administration**: The definition of administration refers to the group of individuals who are in charge of creating and enforcing rules and regulations, or those in leadership positions who complete important tasks.
3. **Religion:** Belief in the existence of God who has created the universe.

Chapter Scheme:- This research will consist the following chapters

Chapter one – Police Administration

Chapter two- Religion

Chapter three – Research Methodology

Chapter four – Role of police in tackling religious issues

Chapter five - Findings, conclusions and Suggestions

Annexure

Interview Schedule

Checklist

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